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Sean –

I agree about early CERCLA involvement on the PSET review. James McMillan has rearranged our weekly PSET meeting agenda (930-11am on Wednesdays) so that there is a specific section for Portland Harbor projects. He has put Portland Harbor projects first on the agenda (see attached for an example of our agendas). A CERCLA person would be able to join the call, as needed and available. James usually sends out the meeting agenda on late Monday afternoon or on Tuesday.

-Bridgette

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Hello Teena, Bridgette and PH team,

After review of existing Sediment Evaluation Framework (SEF) guidance it seems to make sense to simply reference that information to ensure a situation similar to the Cutter Bluebell project does not happen again (i.e. inadequate prism characterization, especially in consideration of in water placement). In light of a more detailed review of the SEF, it seems that early EPA involvement is key versus completely supplanting this process—as things fell short during field modifications relative to our data needs. Based on the takeaways from the 7/1/15 EPA call with the Portland Sediment Evaluation Team (PSET) we have agreement that:

- EPA will have the opportunity to comment on all future maintenance dredging work plans/SAPs for sites in Portland Harbor early in the PSET process.
- The Portland Harbor PRG list will be referenced for screening levels (pending formal promulgation in the ROD) and therefore bioassays are not needed.

Please let me know if you have any comments as I work towards sending these out next Tuesday.

Thank you.

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